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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to protest the practice of forced molting of hens used in egg production. This practice is cruel to the birds and increases the risk of Salmonella enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would stop this practice.

Sincerely,

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